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Dear Ms. Jacobson:

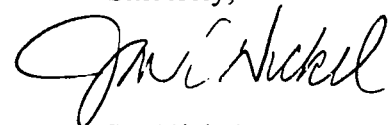
As discussed with Bob Miller and you during our September 15, 2006 conference call, Asarco will be conducting the 2006 annual public meeting to discuss progress in implementing the East Helena RCRA Consent Decree. The meeting is scheduled to take place at 7:00 pm on November 1, 2006 at the East Helena Volunteer Firehall. Public notices announcing this annual meeting will be placed in the October 22, 2006 and October 29, 2006 Sunday editions of the Independent Record. During the week of October 23, 2005, Asarco will notify (by letter) interested parties and government officials of the meeting date.

During the public meeting, Bob Miller and I will present information that has been gathered since the last public meeting with particular emphasize on the construction of the slurry wall in the former acid plant sediment drying area and CAMU Phase 2 Cell. We will also share the recent analytical data from the groundwater monitoring well(s). At the end of the presentation, we will discuss Asarco-related Consent Decree activities that are scheduled for calendar year 2007. Finally, we will answer any questions posed by the audience. You should be prepared to respond to any questions directed to EPA.

You indicated that the State of Montana representatives have expressed a desire to use the November 1, 2006 public meeting as a forum to provide information relating to the ongoing cleaning and demolition project at the East Helena Plant. Please let me know their intentions so that the public notice and meeting agenda may reflect their participation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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